

CORRECTION

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1741–S1780

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2158–2163, and S. Res. 399. **Page S1775**

Measures Passed:

American Fighter Aces Congressional Gold Medal Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1827, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S1778–79**

2014 Arctic Winter Games: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 387, celebrating the 2014 Arctic Winter Games, in Fairbanks, Alaska, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1779**

Measures Considered:

Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3979, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of John B. Owens, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S1770–71**

Ukraine Loan Guarantees—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 27, 2014, Senate resume consideration of H.R. 4152, to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine, and that

notwithstanding the previous order of Tuesday, March 25, 2014, the time until noon be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, and all other provisions of the previous order remain in effect. **Page S1779**

Owens Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John B. Owens, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Page S1770**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, March 28, 2014. **Page S1770**

Contreras-Sweet Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following disposition of H.R. 4152, to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Maria Contreras-Sweet, of California, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration; that there be two minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form prior to a vote on confirmation of the nomination; that no further motions be in order. **Page S1771**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. EX. 84), Christopher Reid Cooper, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Pages S1760, S1779**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 80), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S1745–46**

By 93 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. EX. 85), M. Douglas Harpool, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri. **Pages S1760, S1780**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 81), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1746**

By 59 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 86), Gerald Austin McHugh, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S1760, S1780**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 82), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1746**

By 69 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 87), Edward G. Smith, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S1760–61, S1780**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 75 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 83), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S1746–47**

Joseph William Westphal, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. **Pages S1761, S1780**

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—87) **Pages S1746–47, S1760–61**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1779.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Sally Jewell, Secretary, Mike Connor, Deputy Secretary, Rhea Suh, Assistant Secretary for Policy,

Management and Budget, and Pam K. Haze, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Finance, Performance and Acquisition, all of the Department of the Interior.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Navy, after receiving testimony from Ray Mabus, Secretary, Admiral Jonathan Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations, General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, Vice Admiral Robin R. Braun, Chief of Navy Reserve, and Lieutenant General Richard P. Mills, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, United State Marine Corps, all of the Department of the Navy, Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary (Comptroller), Jessica L. Wright, Acting Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Jonathan A. Woodson, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Frederick E. Vollrath, Assistant Secretary for Readiness and Force Management, and Richard O. Wightman, Acting Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs, all of the Department of Defense; Colonel Michael F. Hayden, USAF (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, John R. Davis, Fleet Reserve Association, and Kathleen B. Moakler, National Military Family Association, all of Alexandria, Virginia; and Captain Marshall Hanson, USNR (Ret.), Reserve Officers Association, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Robert O. Work, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary, Michael J.

McCord, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary (Comptroller), Christine E. Wormuth, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Policy, David B. Shear, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, and Eric Rosenbach, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense, all of the Department of Defense, and 147 nominations in the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Army.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine the current readiness of United States forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General John F. Campbell, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army, Vice Admiral Philip Hart Cullom, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics, General John M. Paxton, Jr., USMC, Assistant Commandant, United States Marine Corps, General Larry O. Spencer, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

ALTERNATIVE FINANCIAL PRODUCTS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine if alternative financial products are serving consumers, including H.R. 1566, to create a Federal charter for Internet consumer credit corporations, after receiving testimony from G. Michael Flores, Bretton Woods, Inc., St. Simons Island, Georgia; Stephanie Klein, Enova, Chicago, Illinois; Nick Bourke, The Pew Charitable Trusts, Washington, D.C.; David Rothstein, Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio; and Nathalie Martin, University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque.

PROTECTING PERSONAL CONSUMER INFORMATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting personal consumer information from cyber attacks and data breaches, after receiving testimony from Edith Ramirez, Chairwoman, Federal Trade Commission; John Mulligan, Target, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Wallace D. Loh, University of Maryland, College Park; David Wagner, Entrust, Dallas, Texas; Peter J. Beshar, Marsh and McLennan Companies, New York, New York; and Ellen Richey, Visa Inc., Foster City, California.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BUDGET

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Syria after Geneva, focusing on the next steps for United States policy, after receiving testimony from Anne W. Patterson, Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, and Thomas M. Countryman, Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of State; David J. Kilcullen, Caerus Associates, and Vali Nasr, Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jan Egeland, Norwegian Refugee Council, Oslo, Norway.

REDUCING CYBER RISKS TO OUR NATION'S INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening public-private partnerships to reduce cyber risks to our nation's critical infrastructure, including observations on key factors in the Department of Homeland Security's implementation of its partnership approach, after receiving testimony from Phyllis Schneck, Deputy Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Cybersecurity, National Protection and Programs Directorate; Donna F. Dodson, Chief Cybersecurity Advisor, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Stephen L. Caldwell, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, and Gregory C. Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, both of the Government Accountability Office; Elayne M. Starkey, Delaware Department of Technology and Information Chief Security Officer, Dover; David Velazquez, Pepco Holdings, Inc., and Doug Johnson, American Bankers Association, on behalf of the Financial Services Sector Coordinating Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and Steven R. Chabinsky, CrowdStrike, Inc., Arlington, Virginia.

TRIBAL PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for Tribal Programs, after receiving testimony from Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Yvette Roubideaux, Acting Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services;

Aaron Payment, National Congress of American Indians, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; and Andrew Joseph, Jr., National Indian Health Board, Portland, Oregon.

THE SATELLITE TELEVISION EXTENSION AND LOCALISM ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of, “The Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act”, after receiving testimony from Alison A. Minea, DISH Network L.L.C., and John Bergmayer, Public Knowledge, both of Washington, D.C.; Marci Burdick, Schurz Communications, Inc., Mishawaka, Indiana, on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters; and Ellen Stutzman, Writers Guild of America, West, Inc., Los Angeles, California.

MEDICARE FRAUD

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preventing Medicare fraud, focusing on the best way to protect seniors and taxpayers, after receiving testimony from Brian Martens, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Office of Inspector General, and Shantanu Agrawal, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Bettie Hughes, The Senior Alliance, Wayne, Michigan; Louis Saccoccio, National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association, Washington, D.C.; and Patricia A. Gresko, Romeo, Michigan.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 4298–4314; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 525 were introduced. **Pages H2694–95**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2696–97**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2575, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 30-hour threshold for classification as a full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and replace it with 40 hours, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–386);

H. Con. Res. 88, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby (H. Rept. 113–387); and

H. Con. Res. 92, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition (H. Rept. 113–388). **Page H2694**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Black to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2647**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:16 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2655**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Jonathan Weaver, Greater Mt. Nebo AME Church, Bowie, Maryland. **Page H2655**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H2655, H2683**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:44 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2668**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of our brave men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our country in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in our armed forces and their families. **Page H2670**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on March 24th:

Corporal Justin D. Ross Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 1228, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 Packerland Drive in Green Bay, Wisconsin, as the “Corporal Justin D. Ross Post Office Building”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 144.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 South 9th Street in De Pere, Wisconsin, as the ‘Corporal Justin D. Ross Post Office Building’.”. **Page H2671**

Ensuring Public Involvement in the Creation of National Monuments Act: The House passed H.R. 1459, to ensure that the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 applies to the declaration of national monuments, by a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 201 noes, Roll No. 147. **Pages H2671–83**

Rejected the Rahall motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 146. **Pages H2681–82**

Agreed to:

Bishop (UT) manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 113–385) that clarifies process for monument designations of 5,000 acres or less which allows temporary designation if imminent threat to antiquity and permanent designation if President follows NEPA review process or Congress enacts law. Also clarifies that the President is to use existing resources for monument designation process and

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Barber amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–385) that requires the bill's feasibility study to include an assessment of the monument declaration's benefits, including jobs and tourism dollars associated with managing a monument in perpetuity.

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Rejected:

Tsongas amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 113–385) that sought to preserve the ability of the President to declare as national monuments those that provide for the "protection or conservation of historic or cultural resources related to American military history," regardless of their size (by a recorded vote of 197 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 145).

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H. Res. 524, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 143, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 142.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 27th.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2655.

Discharge Petition: Representative Garcia presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committees on the Judiciary, Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, Ways and Means, Armed Services, Natural Resources, Agriculture, Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, Oversight and Government Reform, the Budget, Science, Space, and Technology, Financial Services, and Transportation and Infrastructure from the consideration of H.R. 15, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 9).

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings

of today and appear on pages H2669, H2669–70, H2670–71, H2680, H2681–82, and H2682–83. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND RELATED LITIGATION ON NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM MANAGEMENT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry held a hearing to Review the impacts of Endangered Species Act and related litigation on National Forest System management. Testimony was heard from Jim Peña, Associate Deputy Chief, Forest Service; Eileen Larence, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION'S POST 9/11 REFORM EFFORTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Federal Bureau of Investigation's Post 9/11 Reform Efforts FY 2015 Budget and Oversight. Testimony was heard from James B. Comey, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND ECONOMICS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies held a hearing on USDA Research, Education and Economic FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Catherine E. Woteki, Under Secretary, USDA Research, Education and Economics; Chavonda Jacobs-Young, Administrator, USDA Agriculture Research Service; Sonny Ramaswamy, Director, USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture; Mary Bohman, Administrator, USDA Economic Research Service, Cynthia Clark, Administrator, USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service; and Donald K. Bice, USDA Associate Budget Director.

APPROPRIATIONS—AIR FORCE BUDGET FY 2015

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Air Force Budget FY 2015. Testimony was heard from Deborah Lee James, Secretary, United States Air Force; and General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Jo Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary, Army for Civil Works, United States Army Corps of Engineers; and Lt. General Thomas P. Bostick, Chief of Engineers, United States Army Corps of Engineers.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Federal Emergency Management Agency FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

APPROPRIATIONS—FUTURE OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held an oversight hearing entitled “Future of Biomedical Research”. Testimony was heard from Francis S. Collins, M.D.; Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. PACIFIC COMMAND AND U.S. FORCES KOREA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea. Testimony was heard from Admiral Samuel J. Locklear III, Commander, United States Navy, United States Pacific Command; and General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, Commander, United States Army, United Nations Command, Commander, Republic of Korea, United States Combined Forces Command, Commander, United States Forces Korea. This was a closed hearing.

APPROPRIATIONS—BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Bureau of Reclamation FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Lowell Pimley, Acting Commissioner of Reclamation.

APPROPRIATIONS—JUDICIARY FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the Judiciary FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Julia S. Gibbons, Chair, Committee on the Budget, Judicial Conference of the United States;

John Bates, Director, Administrative Office, United States Courts.

INTERIM REPORT OF THE ADVISORY PANEL ON THE GOVERNANCE OF THE NUCLEAR SECURITY ENTERPRISE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on Interim Report of the Advisory Panel on the Governance of the Nuclear Security Enterprise. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2015 NAVY, MARINE CORPS AND AIR FORCE COMBAT AVIATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2015 Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Combat Aviation Programs. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Christopher C. Bogdan, USAF, Program Executive Officer, F-35 Lightning II Joint Program Office, Department of Defense; Lieutenant General Burton M. Field, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans, and Requirements, U.S. Air Force; Vice Admiral Paul A. Grosklags, USN, Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development, and Acquisition, U.S. Navy; William A. LaPlante, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, U.S. Air Force; Rear Admiral Upper Half Michael C. Manazir, USN, Director of the Air Warfare Division, U.S. Navy, Lieutenant General Robert E. Schmidle, USMC, Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps for Aviation, U.S. Marine Corps; and Michael J. Sullivan, Director of Acquisition and Sourcing, Government Accountability Office.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FISCAL YEAR 2015 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS: PURSUING TECHNOLOGY SUPERIORITY IN A CHANGING SECURITY ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2015 Science and Technology Programs: Pursuing Technology Superiority in a Changing Security Environment. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Upper Half Matthew L. Klunder, USN, Chief of Naval Research, U.S. Navy; Mary Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology, U.S. Army; Arati Prabhakar, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Department of Defense; Alan Shaffer, Acting Assistant

Secretary of Defense, Research and Engineering, Department of Defense; David Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Science, Technology and Engineering, U.S. Air Force, Office of Assistant Secretary for Acquisition.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET REQUEST FOR SEAPOWER AND PROJECTION FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing on Department of the Navy Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Request for Seapower and Projection Forces. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Kenneth Glueck Jr. USMC, Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration, United States Marine Corps; Vice Admiral Joseph P. Mulloy, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources, United States Navy; and Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, Department of the Navy.

REVIEWING THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Reviewing the President's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Proposal for the Department of Labor". Testimony was heard from Thomas E. Perez, Secretary, Department of Labor.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE PATIENTS GONE? EXAMINING THE PSYCHIATRIC BED SHORTAGE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Where Have All the Patients Gone? Examining the Psychiatric Bed Shortage". Testimony was heard from Michael C. Biasotti, Chief of Police, New Windsor, NY; Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff, Cook County, Illinois; Steve Leifman, Associate Administrative Judge, Miami-Dade County Court, Eleventh, Judicial Circuit of Florida; and public witnesses.

GEOPOLITICAL POTENTIAL OF THE U.S. ENERGY BOOM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Geopolitical Potential of the U.S. Energy Boom". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SHOCKING TRUTH ABOUT NORTH KOREAN TYRANNY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled "The Shock-

ing Truth about North Korean Tyranny". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency held a markup on H.R. 4228, the "DHS Acquisition Accountability and Efficiency Act". The bill was forwarded to the Full Committee, as amended.

INNOCENCE FOR SALE: DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Innocence for Sale: Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking". Testimony was heard from Michael Harpster, Acting Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Branch 1, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Corporal Chris Heid, Child Recovery Unit, Maryland State Police; Donna Quigley Groman, Supervising Judge, Kenyon Juvenile Justice Center, Los Angeles County Juvenile Delinquency Court; and public witnesses.

EXPLORING CHAPTER 11 REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled "Exploring Chapter 11 Reform: Corporate and Financial Institution Insolvencies; Treatment of Derivatives". Testimony was heard from Christopher Sontchi, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware; and public witnesses.

COLLISION COURSE: OVERSIGHT OF THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S ENFORCEMENT APPROACH FOR AMERICA'S WILDLIFE LAWS AND ITS IMPACT ON DOMESTIC ENERGY

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Collision Course: Oversight of the Obama Administration's Enforcement Approach for America's Wildlife Laws and Its Impact on Domestic Energy". Testimony was heard from Daniel M. Ashe, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

EXAMINING THE IRS RESPONSE TO THE TARGETING SCANDAL

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Examining the IRS Response to the Targeting Scandal". Testimony was heard from John A. Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

REVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET REQUEST FOR SCIENCE AGENCIES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "A Review of the

President's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Request for Science Agencies". Testimony was heard from John Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President.

BARRIERS TO OPPORTUNITY: DO OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING LAWS UNFAIRLY LIMIT ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND JOBS?

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled "Barriers to Opportunity: Do Occupational Licensing Laws Unfairly Limit Entrepreneurship and Jobs?". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET REQUEST FOR COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled "President's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Request for Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Programs". Testimony was heard from Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., Commandant, United States Coast Guard; Master Chief Michael P. Leavitt, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, United States Coast Guard; Paul "Chip" N. Jaenichen, Sr., Acting Administrator, Maritime Administration; and Mario Cordero, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 2018, the "Honor Those Who Served Act of 2013"; H.R. 2088, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to establish claims adjudication centers of excellence; H.R. 2119, the "Veterans Access to Speedy Review Act"; H.R. 2529, the "Veteran Spouses Equal Treatment Act"; H.R. 3671, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the eligibility for a medallion furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to signify the veteran status of a deceased individual; H.R. 3876, the "Burial with Dignity for Heroes Act of 2014"; H.R. 4095, the "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2014"; H.R. 4102, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that the estate of a deceased veteran may receive certain accrued benefits upon the death of the veteran, and for other purposes; H.R. 4141, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into enhanced-use leases for excess property of the National Cemetery Administration that is unsuitable for burial purposes; and H.R. 4191, the "Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act". Testi-

mony was heard from the following Representatives: Green; Walz; Denham; and Stivers; and Thomas Murphy, Director, Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

QUANTITATIVE EASING

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine unwinding quantitative easing, focusing on how the Fed should promote stable prices, economic growth, and job creation, after receiving testimony from John B. Taylor, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Stanford, California; and Mark Zandi, Moody's Analytics, West Chester, Pennsylvania.

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Senate committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion, after receiving testimony from Daniel M. Dellinger, The American Legion, Vienna, Virginia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation; to be followed by a closed session in SVC-217 at approximately 11:15 a.m., 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the Federal Communications Commission, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nominations of Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Janice Marion Schneider, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, both of the Department of the Interior, and subcommittee assignments, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine MAP-21 reauthorization, focusing on state and local perspectives on transportation priorities and funding, 9:45 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine powering Africa's future, focusing on the Power Africa Initiative, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine strengthening the Federal Student Loan Program for borrowers, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sherry Moore Trafford, and Steven M. Wellner, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1720, to promote transparency in patent ownership and make other improvements to the patent system, and the nominations of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Cheryl Ann Krause, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Tanya S. Chutkan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, M. Hannah Lauck, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Leo T. Sorokin, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Richard Franklin Boulware II, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Salvador Mendoza, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Staci Michelle Yandle, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, John Charles Cruden, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Leon Rodriguez, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Oversight, Federal Rights and Agency Action, to hold hearings to examine access to justice for those who serve, 3 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies, hearing on Food and Drug Administration FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, hearing on the National Science Foundation FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on United States Army FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on Veterans Affairs FY 2015 Budget, 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Operation and Maintenance without OCO Funds: What Now?, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, markup on H.R. 3283, the "Integrated Public Alert and

Warning System Modernization Act of 2013"; H.R. 4263, the "Social Media Working Group Act of 2014"; and H.R. 4289, the "Department of Homeland Security Interoperable Communications Act", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Over-Criminalization Task Force, hearing on Over-federalization, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled "Advances in Earthquake Science: 50th Anniversary of the Great Alaskan Quake", 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 4002, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3822, the "Fort Wingate Land Division Act of 2014", 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled "A Review of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Budget for Fiscal Year 2015", 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 183, the "Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act"; H.R. 2527, the to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans with counseling and treatment for sexual trauma that occurred during inactive duty training; H.R. 2661, the "Veterans Access to Timely Medical Appointments Act"; H.R. 2974, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility for beneficiary travel for veterans seeking treatment or care for military sexual trauma in specialized outpatient or residential programs at facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 3508, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the qualifications of hearing aid specialists of the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 3180, to amend title 38, United States Code, to include contracts and grants for residential care for veterans in the exception to the requirement that the Federal Government recover a portion of the value of certain projects; H.R. 3387, the "Classified Veterans Access to Care Act"; H.R. 3831, the "Veterans Dialysis Pilot Program Review Act of 2014"; H.R. 4198, the "Appropriate Care for Disabled Veterans Act"; and legislation to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, 9 a.m., 334 Cannon.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Ongoing Intelligence Activities", 9 a.m., 304-HVC. This is a closed hearing.

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, March 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4152, Ukraine Loan Guarantees.

At noon, Senate will vote on adoption of Reid (for Menendez/Corker) Amendment No. 2867, passage of H.R. 4152, and confirmation of the nomination of Maria Contreras-Sweet, of California, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of the following measures under suspension of the rules: H.R. 4278—To support the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Ukraine, as amended and H.R. 4302—To amend the Social Security Act to extend Medicare payments to physicians and other provisions of the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

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